

THE TWIN SISTERS.

A woman of 50, with a handsome, refined rountenance, in the lines of which was written a hidden grief, sat, surrounded by all the luxury of a palatial home, mournfully sturies into the glowing coals of a grate fire—sat staring at a face which peered at her from the white, hot depths. The face was that of a beautiful girl, almost a child, at the period where girlhood touches the bridge neross which lies young womanhood. It was a charming visage, made fascinating by golden hair and gray eyes, which meant a world of different things to whoever looked into them. The woman's reverse was interrupted by her doudoir door being thrown suddenly open. A vision of grace, youth and beauty tripped in, a young girl, who, as she stood metionless for one instant in the center of the apartment, was the most exact counterpart of the face in the coals, with one exception, the eyes. They were gray like those others, but instead of meaning a world of different things to each new man who studied them, they spoke only one trait -truthfulness to overybody.

The girl glanged for a moment at the figure in the chaff. Then going noiselessly to the woman's side she throw her arms about her, kneeling on the floor as she did so, and say-

ing:
"Mother mine, what is the matter?" "Why should I tell you child? You are very happy, and I have not the heart to intrude a fear which might render you wretched."

A fear, mother! What are you thinking off" "Your marriage." "How strange. In what way can thoughts

of that render you or me unhappy?" "I have been looking into the coals, Eleanor, and I see there only one thing." What is it, mother?"

"The face of your twin sister." "Esselle's face?"

"You. It has haunted see all day, and it seems like the foremaner of trouble." "These are cally your disness fancing, mother

mina. Den's give way to thum. Why should you so often recall the dand?" "The dead?"

"Yes. Is not licialle dead? Is the not lying alone in that little graveyard as Nice? And middels not write before her death and tell you must the guilty wratch with whomestern away had married her! Badden, no one known list true story but you and I. Bverybody thinks that walls abroad site married a fortune unting nobleman and dist a faw years later. At the word is was a rash excepted which has been forgonism long sines. The world gossips over and reasonisers affairs of that kind for only ulos days at the most."

"The world, even the better part of it, is very bitter, obild, when it finds an opportanity to be so."
"Why seed we worry, mether! Russell

knows the story, and if he can blot it out, why should not wel. Do you suppose for an instant that it could possibly change his re-

Did Russell Graham know all! Ah, no mar Bloanor. They both knew that four years previously, when Mrs. Mortimer had been braveling through Europe with her lovely twin daughters, one of slices du tors had cloped with a handsome adventurer. They both heard later that the adventurer was an impocanious noblemus, who had married his victim at Nice, where the filed and was buried. But Mrs. Mortimer know more than that, and his pondared doubly on her secret knowledge when Eisener was onto in her own approximate. That she book from her pockes a latter written on foreign nose paper, reed it estionally, painfully; headinted a moment, call fluidly throw it into the fire, maying to invest as is enumbed to

"Numer be a mistalia. God grant it may On the evening following the interview be-

tween moster and daughter, Russell Gra-hem, Elector's flames, dropped into a swell club of which be was a mounter. A number of his fristers chaffed hon good naturally on his approaching marriage, and no took tower badinage as the proper up at. A little had-dont occurred, however, which put him is a decidedly dangerous temper. He happened to be left alone for a moment, and was debating whether he should return home or whather he should remain and order supper when his shoughly drifted into a new channot at hearing his name munifored in a strange voice with a foreign account, by some person in the room nort his own, and which true separated from it only by a valvet per-tions. The that words which he heard distineti. were:

"Of course is is the same girl. I had a good look at her to-day when he was driving with her on the boulevard. Realty, I can t understand the thing. The winter I saw her in Sa. Petersburg her name was most implemently connected with that of Count Ro-

"Surely, you must be wrong," "Hardis. I must hav wish her mother six monts later, in Paris, and I have since mot the mother have in New York. I tell you it

is the same young woman."
The voices such to whispers, and the listener, his mind in a which of uncertainty as to whom the timeen sporteurs were alluding to, remained school for a while, wondering what he Paris again," had best do. After a fact moments he conhad best do. After a fare moments he con-cincial to steer the apertment and seeks his doubts. He draw needs the portier. The chamber was sense. Ordering his carriage he draws know. These weeks bloom he was matried to Sisence Moremer and on his way. married to Sixurer Mersimar and on his way to Paris for his housymoon.

of every description. There were balls, din-mars, receptions and opera persist without the Gormans Scenachanker. When the eye number. Russell Graham and his wife looks for some sine at a small, feebly lighted pitched into the wairl with the rest, for they body, itself being in complete darkness, the ware fond of life on applicable in the beau body appears to oscillate or describe certain monds. Due the hashmad was not quies thur-oughly happy. He had never whally for-order, and appears to be of the same nature wite should be, but her husband half as light time of jeniousy in his nature, and is high him constantly on the store. Bester for had be sold his wife the rush at first, and so readed to be clear. A functional away the article be sold his wife the rush at first, and so readed to the rush at th club, and, though he despised himself for it. person lears his beed against a wail and fixed lie could not except the remembrance of it. his eye upon the star. The star appears to dered himself free from denitie. There was no breach between thom-only a little cloud which obscured his otherwise perfect happinose. And the cloud was to graw, shrough Ivn brilgs one may look across and see the no fault of Engager's, until it might mean return cable possing in his opposite direction. Shipstreck to all his lave. It begun to make a shipwreck to all his lare. It begun to gather size in this way. There are goneins in Paris as well as eleculare, and very seen, so far as their presence to be first.

The newly-made anshand was at the spara one night, his wife having preceded him to a instant become visible, the same as if the obreception where he was to join her later. Some friends dropped into his hex. One of them, a man-about town, said incidentally

"By the by, Crakam, kow did Earon Borlein happen to meet your wife?"

There was something implied in the ques-

replied:
"At some resortion or other, I premme." "Well," said for friend good humorodly, "let me give you a point. I think it would be safer for her nos to be seen driving with him again in the Bois."

"Surely you are aware of his character. He is regarded in Paris as a premy black

Report hegitated for an instant and then

replied indifferently: Threats for your suggestions." He lets the opera house and dreve to where he was to meet his wife. She was surreunded

by a bevy of admirers, but she toosed pare and haggard. What did it mean? Was she gully and did she suspect that he knew the truth? Guilty or innocent, she looked relieved at his coming, although she said

only:

"Get my wraps and take me home."

The drive to their hotel was made in silence, each trying to read the other's thoughts. Once in the quiet of their own apartments Russell expected a confession. None came. He could early the righteons

devil within him no longer.

"Eleaner," he began, "I am going to ask
you a question and I want the truth for au-

Turning her fearless gray eyes to his face she said: "Have not my answers always been truthfull

"I presume so."
"Presume! What do you mean!" "Where did you meet Baron Borlein?"
"Who says I ever met him?"

Russell mentioned the names of his friends, "They were mistaken," his wife replied. "Surely they know you well enough to recognize you when they meet you. They saw you driving with him in the Beis." Again she repeated the same answer.
"I tell you they were mistaken."

"Is this your only reply?"
"You wanted the truth and you have it. What more need I say!"

It was the day after the scene between husband and wife. The Bois was alive with carriages, and the world of Paris was taking its afternoon drive. One turnout attracted par-ticular attention. It was a magnificent landan drawn by a pair of coal black horses. On its enshions reclined a woman whose face was the same that had stared out of the coals at

Eleanor's mother, Suddenly a horse dashed along beside her carriage, and its rider, a female closely veiled, throw a note into her lap. The woman's eyes widened in amazement. She tore open the missive and read its contents. For a moment she sat as if spellbound. Then the indifference died out of her face, and abscalled ner-vonely to her conchann. He turned with deference to hour her say:

"Drive home!" As the belis of Paris chimod 5 she was picking her way among the graves of Pere in Chaise. At the tomb of Abelard and

Haloise a weenen heavily veiled accepted hor. "Satalla," said the stranger, horrisdly, "I need not rates my veil. You know who I am. Let me tell you quickly what I have come for and let me as aps as seen as possible."
"In what way?"

"My husband is here. People have sen you with men whose very names mean death to the character of the women with whom they secociate. You have been missaken for me, and my husband believes me guilty of baving decsived him, believes me guilty of intrigues with the debased erestures who are year friends. Do you understand! In heaven name, save me!"

"By what means?"
"By leaving Paris. If you remain here longer my backend may discover who you are whot you are."

The women thought for a moment, then mid: "Where are you stopping?" "At the Grand bere!." "There is an easy way out of the difficulty. Leave it to me. Brand with your husband on

the from belony of the hotel this evening at half-post six." "What are yen going to do?"
"Freve to the men you love that you are functiont and then quit Paris."

"Mow can that be done?" "Mow can that be done,"
"Don't sak questions. Good-by."
"Oh, Berelle," cried Missner, catching her |rest sistor's basel, "listen to mo---"
"There is no Esselle," interrupted the other

coldly, drawing back. "That woman is buried at Nice. She is dead to you—dead to ma. I want no pity, no advice. Go your way. I have chosen mine, and it is too into to turn teek.

The strode off among the graves and disappeared. Elsanor went to her hotel and with a heavy heart dramed for dinner. Presently her husband entered, with him the friends bo had met the evening previous at the opera. He brought them there to gaze at his wife, to be certain they had made no mistake. With an effect to steady her voice, Eleanor said: "Let us enjoy the zir of the beloony for a few moments." Her husband marreled at her cockess, and with his friends followed her into the balcony. They had been there but a moment when her husband, who was leaning ever the rading, storted back, exclaiming "My filed, who is that woman! She is the

living hange of my wife." Below in the street a superb landsu was passing, drawn by a pair of coal black horses. A vomen robed hi white reposed on its cushious, chatting indifferently with a man at her side. For an instant she raised her cold, calm eyes to the balcony, then lowered them again.

Russell turned to his wife in amanement, saying: What an extraordinary resemblance!"

With a supreme effort at self-control she pointed to the man in the landau, asking: Who is that gentleman?" One of her husband's friends replied in a

strangely embarramed way; "Baron Borlain." When Elsener's bushand heelt at her side that evening to ask for forgiveness for having

doubted her, the taid:
"Is in all ever now. Let us forget it Only take me beand. I never want to see

"Shall we first go to Nice," he asked, "to _____

M. de Parmelle has culted the uttention of the French Academy of Schools to a surious By the way, we have opened up The Fermion recommends its height, and Illusion of the vision, which may account for the fashionable world was sugressed in follow the apparent excillation or swinging of stars gotton the conversation overheard at his as the novement of a star observed when a

On the Broaklyn Bridge.

While riding in the cable care on the Brook hour, it is presing at the rate of twenty miles an hour, and, eithough made up of strands Russell Grahams was concerned, they caused like a hemp rope, it appears like a smooth their presence to be fets. the whoels of the car the strands will for an server and cable were at rest.-New York

> Seavenirs of Beauty. A gray-headed man was recently brought

before a court in Berlin, charged with picking tion. Russell presented not to notice is mid a lady's pocket of her handkerchief. During the trial it was preved that be had as many as 100 costly handkerchiefs in his pomes-sion, obtained in the same manner. His defeuse was not kieptomania, but a mania which impelled him, whenever he saw a beautiful woman, to try and obtain some abject from her as a souvenir. He was acquitted.-Chicago Herald.

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